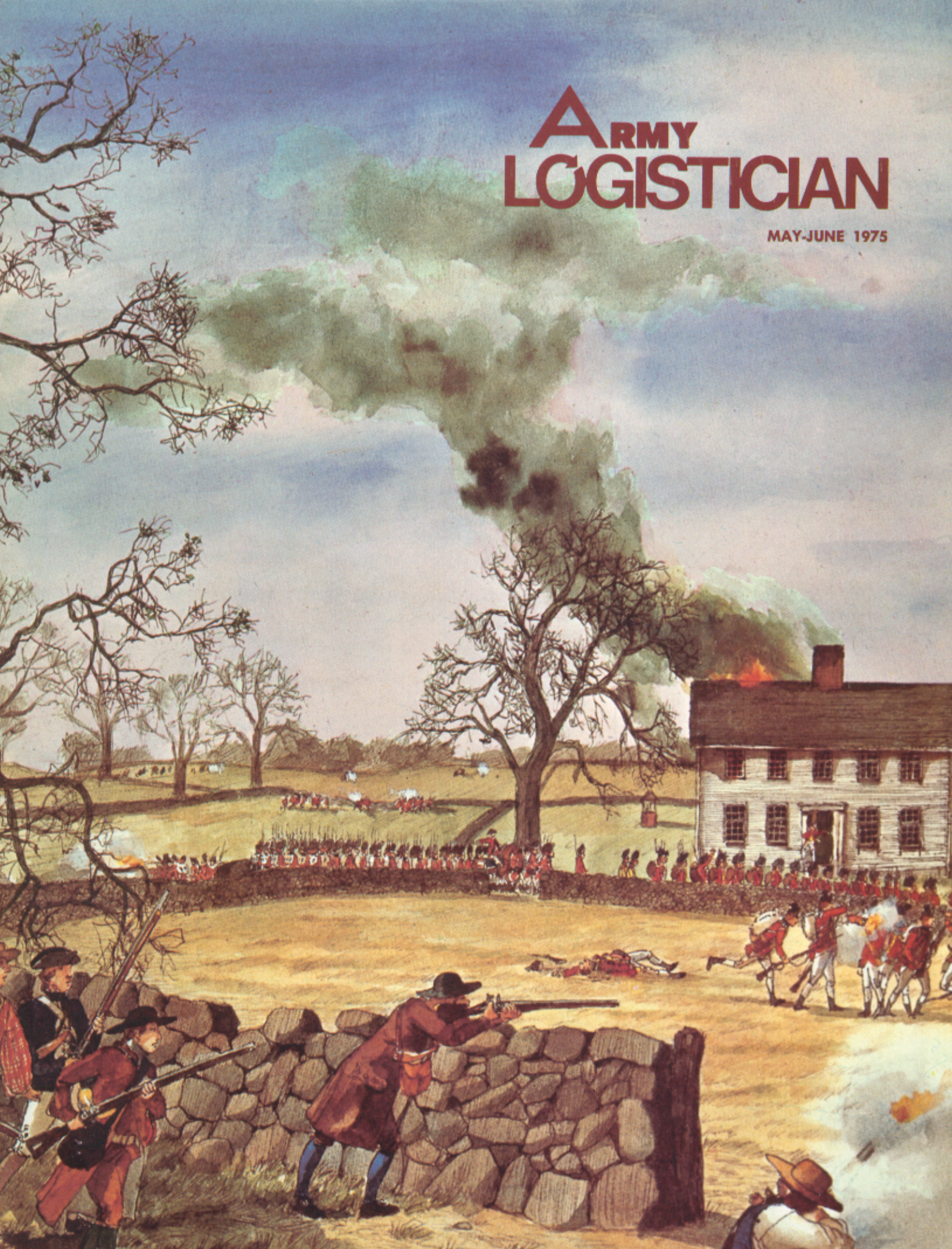


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The primary function of the logistics system is to support the soldier in the field with what is needed, when and where it is required, and in the quantity and condition expected, at the minimum practicable cost. This function has established a framework of fundamental logistics principles to be used as a guideline for mission accomplishment.

To insure success, it is imperative to remember that—

- **Accurate and timely logistics information must be acquired, analyzed, and made available to commanders at all levels in order to provide effective logistics support.**
- **Logistics endeavors must be directed toward a clear and attainable objective.**
- **Professional application of initiative, knowledge, and ingenuity, and the innovative exploration of technical and scientific advances are fundamental to the generation of logistics system improvements.**
- **Efficiency of the total logistics system is contingent upon an effective interrelationship among all functional divisions of the system.**
- **Simplicity is essential at all levels of the logistics system.**
- **Logistics support must be provided in the right quantity and at the proper time and place for accomplishment of the mission.**
- **Impetus of logistics support is forward to support the combat mission.**
- **Efficient management of logistics resources and austere programs are essential to cost effective logistics support.**
- **Security of every facet of the logistics system must be maintained to preserve resources and assure sustained combat capability.**

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